

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TATENDA BANGA,

Defendant.

Case No. MJ25-011

DETENTION ORDER

Defendant Tatenda Banga is charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5); and possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C). The Court held a detention hearing on January 15, 2025, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), and based upon the reasons for detention stated in the record and as hereafter set forth below, finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. The government is entitled to a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), as Mr. Banga is charged with an offense with a maximum term of ten years or more under the CSA.
2. There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions

1 will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of
2 the community pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

3 3. Mr. Banga stipulated to detention.

4 4. Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no
5 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of
6 Mr. Banga as required and the safety of the community.

7 5. Pretrial Services was unable to interview Mr. Banga in time for the hearing.
8 Therefore, there is limited information available about him.

9 6. Mr. Banga poses a risk of nonappearance due to pending removal from the United
10 States. In addition, he was not interviewed so his release plan, background, and
11 ties to this district are unknown.

12 7. Mr. Banga poses a risk of danger due to the nature of the instant offense.

13 8. Based on these findings, and for the reasons stated on the record, there does not
14 appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably
15 assure Mr. Banga's appearance at future court hearings while addressing the
16 danger to other persons or the community. This detention order is without
17 prejudice to reopening the detention hearing if a viable release plan is identified.

18 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

19 (1) Mr. Banga shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of the
20 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent
21 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody
22 pending appeal;
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1 (2) Mr. Banga shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
2 counsel;

3 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the
4 government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which Mr. Banga is
5 confined shall deliver Mr. Banga to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an
6 appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

7 (4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to
8 counsel for Mr. Banga, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States
9 Pretrial Services Officer.

10 Dated this 15 day of January, 2025.

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13 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
14 United States Magistrate Judge
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